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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Chen, et al.

Title: SUSTAINED RELEASE DOSAGE FORMS OF ANESTHETICS FOR PAIN  
MANAGEMENT

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## NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the  
decision dated 01/21/2009 of the Examiner's rejection of Claims 1-13, 18-20, 22-53, 57-  
73, and 122.

Please charge the Appeal Fee of 540.00 required under 37 CFR 1.17(b) to Deposit  
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